

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Jacob Zeitani

App. No.: 10/597,659

Group Art Unit: 3733

Filed: August 2, 2006

Examiner: Jan Christoph L. Merene

Title: STERNUM REINFORCING
DEVICE TO BE USED AFTER A
STERNOTOMY OR A STERNAL
FRACTURE

ELECTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Examiner:

In an Election of Species Requirement dated August 3, 2009, the Examiner has required an election of species under PCT Rule 13.1 between:

Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a sternum reinforcing device, and
Group II, claim 14, drawn to a method for reinforcing a sternum after a sternotomy of a sternal fracture.

In response to this Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects the first group of claims: Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a sternum reinforcing device.

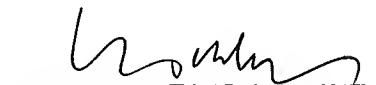
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the present Election of Species requirement, and consider the above-identified species. Should the Examiner require further information, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Applicant request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) to extend the period for filing a reply by two (2) months in the above identified application and to note that small entity fees under 37 CFR 1.17(a) will be paid electronically by credit card at the time of filing the Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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